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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5562

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 7459

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CASC, CI

SUBJECT: AMERICAN RELIGIOUS AND MIR TERRORISTS

REF: POPPER-RYAN TELCON

1. I SAW FONMIN CARVAJAL AT 0900 LOCAL NOV 6 AND LEFT WITH HIM
AN INFORMAL NOTE IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

QUOTE: 1. THE EMBASSY HAS NOTED IN THE PRESS OF NOVEMBER 5
THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF CERTAIN AMERICAN
CITIZENS IN THE MATTER OF THE MIR LEADERS BEING SOUGHT BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF CHILE.

QUOTE: 2. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE
THAT, ON THEIR INITIATIVE, THE THREE AMERICAN NUNS, SISTER HELEN
BARBARA NELSON, SISTER MARGARET ANN LIPSIO, AND SISTER PAULA
ARMSTRONG HAVE ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY AFFORD THEM TEMPORARY
REFUGE. THE EMBASSY IS INCLINED TO GRANT TEMPORARY REFUGE.

QUOTE: 3. AT THE MOMENT, THE THREE SISTERS ARE AT THE RESIDENCE
OF AN AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL WHO ENJOYS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.

QUOTE: 4. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH
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THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT

THE THREE SISTERS SHOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY VOLUNTARILY AND PROMPTLY.

QUOTE: 5. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE VALID SAFE CONDUCT DOCUMENTS FOR THE DEPARTURE FROM CHILE OF THE THREE SISTERS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN FROM THE SISTERS A LETTER OR LETTERS TO THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES ASSERTING THAT THEY ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND SOLELY OUT OF HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS IN LENDING ASSISTANCE TO THE MIR LEADERS.

QUOTE: 6. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF FATHER JOHN PHILIP DEVLIN, BUT IT IS BELIEVED HE COULD BE LOCATED IF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AGREED THAT HE COULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY THROUGH THE SAME PROCEDURE.

QUOTE: 7. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IS IN ACCORD WITH THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL, EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE PREPARED TO WORK OUT THE NECESSARY DETAILS AT ONCE.

END QUOTE

2. FONMIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR ACTION. SAID HE WAS COMPLETELY IN ACCORD WITH OUR SUGGESTIONS, THAT HE WAS SEEING PINOCHET AT QPEPN AND THAT HE HOPED THAT EITHER LATE TODAY OR AT ANY RATE TOMORROW TO HAVE A GOC RESPONSE. HE DID NOT PROBE FOR ANY INFORMATION BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN THE NOTE.

3. WE ARE MAKING DISCREET PREPARATIONS TO FOLLOW THROUGH AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE FROM GOC.
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